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at least one slot is designed to carry and support the slaughtered animals or parts thereof;

supply means for supplying the slaughtered animals or parts [-]b. thereof at the first station on the conveyor[,];

discharge means for discharging the slaughtered animals or [-]c. parts thereof from the conveyor at the second station; and

[-]d. at least one [driven] driving member which passes through a path which is substantially parallel to the course of the at least one slot and is designed to move the slaughtered animals or parts thereof which are situated in the at least one slot along the at least one slot from the first station towards the second station, [along the at least one slot,] wherein the at least one driving member spans at least half the width of the at least one slot.

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16. The device of <u>claim 1</u> [according to one of the preceding (Amended) claims] wherein the at least one slot has a substantially curved course.

20. (Amended) The device of claim 19, wherein the unloading device comprises a support member which defines a section of the at least slot and can move substantially transversely with respect to the course [direction] of the slot, for locally increasing the width of the slot.

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